

## VILLA'S FORCES ON BORDER DUTY

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ATKINSON STRIKING DISTANCE Troop Trains, With Re-Enforcements, Bring Strength of Defenders to 6,000 Men.

DOUGLAS, ARIZ., October 31.—Villa's troops invading Sonora arrived to-day within striking distance of Aguaprieta, a village here, and the expected attack against the Carranza garrison appears to be a matter of hours. Advance cavalry of the invaders halted to-day three and a half miles east of Aguaprieta.

General Francisco Villa, who arrived at the international border several miles further east, a few hours earlier, talked with Americans across the boundary and announced that he intended to attack the Mexican town, regardless of any action United States troops might take.

"If necessary, I will fight the United States Army assembled along the border," he said.

General Villa learned for the first time to-day that permission had been given by the United States government for Carranza to move troops through American territory to re-enforce the Aguaprieta garrison.

Four Carranza troop trains journeying through United States territory arrived to-day, bringing the fighting strength of the Carranza garrison to 6,000 men. Villa, according to reliable estimates, has 10,000 soldiers.

VILLA OPEN ENGAGEMENT AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE It was expected here that Villa would open the engagement quickly as possible, because of the condition of his men, thousands of whom were thirsty and in positions far from water.

It was believed Villa contemplates moving his main body into position some time during the night, following one of his favorite plans.

The main body of Villa's soldiers formed a junction with their advance troops at the Gallardo ranch, about fifteen miles southeast of Aguaprieta. The attacking army then started forward for the final advance on the Carranza defenses.

Colonel Florencio Diaz, with 1,500 cavalry, preceded the invaders, and halted his forces just beyond range of the guns of General P. Elias Calles, Carranza commander at Aguaprieta.

Brigadier-General Thomas F. Davis, commanding the United States troops entrenched just north of the Mexican line, inspected his men and their positions. He also kept a close watch of the Mexican military movements plain to be seen from the American side of the border.

Thousands of spectators witnessed today the first battle incident to the expected attack. A horseman, believed to have been a Carranza spy, suddenly broke away from the Villa column and fled for his life amid a shower of bullets.

Villa's soldiers went in pursuit, firing as they rode. But the man, who was apparently uninjured, disappeared.

CLAS CAMP FIRES VISIBLE FROM DOUGLAS Three thousand Villa soldiers, on foot and on horseback, with machine guns, were to-day about five miles from Douglas, and about the same distance from the international boundary. Camp fires were visible from Douglas.

Villa himself was with his cavalry, and passed along the border to-day, within striking distance of the Carranza garrison. During this march, the Carranza re-enforcements were transported through the border.

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## No Pity Is Needed— Edict of W. J. Bryan

He Wants No Sympathy for What Friends Term "Unsuccessfulness of Political Career."

CLEVELAND, O., October 31.—In a speech for prohibition at a mass-meeting to-day, William Jennings Bryan told an audience not to pity him for his "unsuccessful political career."

"Sometimes my friends have expressed their sympathy to me because of what they termed the unsuccessfulness of my political career," said Bryan. "Why, they shouldn't do that. Since I've been in politics reforms have been accomplished without the loss of a single life that would have cost thousands of lives in sacrifice 200 years ago."

"Pity me? Don't do it. If I had lived two centuries ago and witnessed what I do now I would have been hanged. No one has accomplished any great reform without being abused and ostracized at first. But when a man believes he is in the right he must speak out."

Going to Norway. PARIS, October 31.—The Havas correspondent at Geneva transmits a dispatch to the Frankfurt Gazette from Christiania, Norway, which states that William J. Bryan will arrive in Norway in mid-November.

SKINNER IS GOING BACK Consul-General in London Refutes Rumor That He Has Become Person Non Grata.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] NEW YORK, October 31.—Robert Skinner, American consul-general in London, to-day on the Holland-American liner Rotterdam, he is here to confer with the State Department upon American trade conditions and the British orders in council affecting this country's commerce.

Referring to the reports that he had become persona non grata at the British capital and was being recalled he said:

"Yes, I have heard of those reports, but just before I left several important officials called upon me, and that at least would refute them. I am here to talk over certain matters with the State Department, and I expect to return to London within a very short time."

Regarding the report that Dr. Charles A. Holden, his first assistant in London, was leaving there on the St. Paul, he said:

"Dr. Holden showed me a telegram just before I sailed, recalling him to become trade adviser to the government and report to Washington."

MRS. BOLLING IN DANGER Mother of Mrs. Norman Galt Forced to Leave Apartment Early in Morning to Escape Suffocation by Gas.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] WASHINGTON, October 31.—Mrs. William S. Bolling, mother of Mrs. Norman Galt, President Wilson's fiancée, was compelled to abandon her rooms in the Cordova Apartment to avoid suffocation by hydrocyanic gas at 2 o'clock this morning. Miss Louise Roberts, also an occupant of the building, was killed by the deadly fumes.

The gas was being generated in the servants' quarters for use as an insecticide. Mrs. Bolling and her son, J. Randolph Bolling, both escaped without injury.

Hydrocyanic gas was recently recommended by the Department of Agriculture for the purpose it was being used. The method used in generating is to fill a large earthenware vessel with water, put in a specified amount of sulphuric acid, and then add cyanide of potassium. The gas thus obtained is much like the deadly carbon monoxide gas.

SHAKE-UP IN CABINET Gorenkyin Will Be Made Russian Chancellor in Supreme Control of Foreign Affairs.

[Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.] LONDON, October 31.—It is understood that Premier Jean Gorenkyin, of Russia, is shortly to be appointed Chancellor of the empire with supreme control of foreign affairs, according to a Reuter dispatch from Petrograd. His appointment would make him the twelfth Russian to hold such a position, the first Chancellor, Golovkin, appointed by Peter the Great in 1709, and the last, Prince Gortchakoff, who died in 1883.

The Boers Gazette says that M. Gorenkyin's coadjutor will be M. N. N. Sheklo, formerly Russian ambassador at Vienna. The newspaper adds it is reported that Emperor Nicholas has accepted the resignations of Seraphim Sazanoff, Minister of Foreign Affairs, and M. Krivosheina, Minister of Agriculture, and M. Kharitonoff, Controller of the Treasury. Alexei Krivosheina, Minister of Justice, will become Premier, the Gazette declares.

M'CULLOCH STILL LEADS Falls to Lower His Continuous Flight Record, but Is Entitled to Glenn H. Curtiss Trophy.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] NEW YORK, October 31.—David H. McCulloch failed to lower his continuous flight record to-day. He covered 430 miles in a flying boat over a closed circuit between Hammondsport and Penn Yan, when he ran short of oil. This necessitated his abandoning his efforts. As matters stand, however, McCulloch will be entitled to the Glenn H. Curtiss trophy. McCulloch covered 430 miles in seven hours and twenty minutes over the same circuit on October 10. This record has not been lowered by any other aviator.

Frank H. Burnside was the only other aviator trying for the Curtiss trophy to-day. He flew at Buffalo. Engine trouble necessitated abandoning his flight after he had made but thirty-five miles.

## STILL OWE MONEY ADVANCED BY U. S.

Many Who Were Supplied Funds With Which to Leave Europe Fail to Repay.

LONG LIST IS MADE PUBLIC ACCORDS FULL RECOGNITION

In Only Two Instances Does There Appear to Have Been Misrepresentation.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] WASHINGTON, October 31.—The Treasury Department has made public a long list of persons indebted to the government for money advanced in order that they might return to the United States at the outbreak of the European war. Congress authorized an appropriation for this purpose, and provided that those financially responsible should reimburse the Treasury.

The names to which the Treasury gives publicity are those of persons who have thus far declined or who are unable to make repayment. It consists of fifty-seven typewritten pages, with the addresses in each case where known, with annotated notes. Of this number it appears that 679 reside in New York City and Brooklyn, seventy-two in Philadelphia, 105 in California, 105 in Chicago, and twenty-six in Boston. Every State in the Union and several foreign countries are represented in the list. Twenty-two Virginians appear in the list given out, and three of them are Richmonders.

MISREPRESENTATION APPEARS IN ONLY TWO INSTANCES In only two instances does there appear to have been a misrepresentation. Somebody gave the government's representative 1026 Clay Avenue, New York, as his address. This is reported to be a vacant lot. Another gave "World Street, Brooklyn, as his address. There is no such street.

In one or two instances names were given, and investigation showed the parties were known there, but their present whereabouts unknown. In another New York case the citizen given had not resided at the address given for twenty-five years, although he was known there.

One woman informed the department that "she was put to such expense, and returned in such condition that she would not pay if she could." Another American befriended is now reported in the French army, while another who received upwards of \$300 is reported to be a Belgian, and not an American, who has since returned to Europe.

MAKE NO RESPONSE TO REQUEST TO PAY Innumerable cases are reported where the persons who appealed for help while in Europe cannot be located, and of the remainder of the list they are indicated as making no response to the request to settle the obligation.

The department is investigating each case, and where it is shown the person can pay, the Treasury will proceed through the courts to collect. Additional lists of delinquents will be issued from time to time, the Treasury Department says.

KING IS RECOVERING Physicians Say Pain Is Diminishing, and Pulse and Temperature Are Normal.

LONDON, October 31.—King George, who was injured by a fall from his horse on Thursday, is suffering less pain, but is still weak, to-day's official bulletin stated. The bulletin read:

"The King makes slow progress. The pain is diminishing, but His Majesty is still weak. Pulse and temperature are normal."

SLIDE ON PANAMA RAILWAY Heavy Rain Causes Movement Which Will Block Traffic Probably for Twenty-Four Hours.

PANAMA, October 31.—A small slide on the Panama Railroad north of Pedro Miguel to-day forced a suspension of railway traffic. A heavy rain caused the movement. The damage was not great, and it is believed that the road will be in operation within twenty-four hours.

MORGAN MUCH IMPROVED Family Say Financier's Rally From Operation for Appendicitis Is Very Encouraging.

NEW YORK, October 31.—J. P. Morgan's condition was considered so satisfactory to-day that no bulletins were issued by the attending physicians. Members of his family said that the financier's rally from the operation for appendicitis performed last Friday was very encouraging.

## Aid for Militia WILL BE DOUBLED

Administration Proposes to Take Care of Country's Citizen soldiery.

National Guard Is to Be Put on Same Plane as Standing Army.

WASHINGTON, October 31.—Practically doubled Federal appropriations for the State militia and opening of the proposed continental army to any organization or individual of the National Guard desiring to enter and free to do so, are contemplated on the army side of the administration's national defense program.

Details of provision for the militia were made public in a statement to-day by Secretary Garrison, commenting upon conferences at the War Department last week by the executive committee of the National Guard Association. Although opposition to the continental army idea was expressed at first by some of the National Guard officers, when the conference closed it was announced that a mutual viewpoint had been reached.

MILITIA IS ENTITLED TO FULL RECOGNITION "This body" (the National Guard), said Mr. Garrison's statement, "during all the time when there was practically no interest in this country concerning military matters, has been working to do whatever they could to improve the military situation of this country. They are absolutely entitled, by virtue of the fact, to full and proper recognition in any military system or policy to be proposed by the War Department."

"In my proposition, any and every organization of the National Guard free to do so, in so far as its State obligations are concerned, may come over into the national force intact and be accepted exactly in the same position therein that it now holds. Any individual who prefers the intensive training and other features of the national force will likewise be admitted thereto, rank for rank and grade for grade. I indicated my entire willingness and desire, in all propositions made by me, to place the membership of the National Guard with respect to the national force as to give it full recognition."

FEDERAL FINANCIAL AID PRACTICALLY DOUBLED "With respect to the National Guard in the States, the plan not only contemplates continuing the financial and personal aid on behalf of the national government, but largely increases the same, practically doubling it the next fiscal year."

GIRLS FORCED TO FLEE Their Floating Home, Moored in East River, Is Threatened by Flames.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] NEW YORK, October 31.—Fifty young working girls who make their home aboard the ship Jacob H. Starn, moored in the East River off Twenty-third Street, were forced to flee from the ship about noon to-day, when fire broke forth below decks at the stern. The young women were basking in the sun, waiting for their lunch, when suddenly one discovered smoke issuing from the deck.

The occupants got quickly to shore, and when they reached the scene the flames were out in the dock and side, and shortly the hose streams extinguished the blaze. The girls then had their lunch. It was recalled that to-day was the second anniversary of the day the steamer sank at its moorings, on which occasion several girls suffered a wetting.

ROCKEFELLERS DIVIDED John D. and William Opposing Each Other in Battle to Elect Supervisor.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] TARRYTOWN, N. Y., October 31.—The political campaign is so hot in the town of Mount Pleasant this year that John D. Rockefeller is opposing his brother, William, in the fight for supervisor. John D. is supporting Seabury C. Mastick, a Republican, while William is trying to elect John J. Sinnott, the incumbent, a Democrat. John D. Rockefeller has always supported Sinnott until this year, and it is believed that he has been won over by Mrs. Mastick, an intimate friend of Mrs. John D. Rockefeller, Jr.

Two years ago Sinnott beat Mastick by 116 votes, but had John D.'s support. The race this year is so close that both sides are claiming victory.

The Rockefeller family are a unit, however, in fighting Walter W. Law, Jr., candidate for re-election to the Assembly.

## Fortress Guarding War Capital of Serbia Taken by Bulgarians

In Southern Serbia, the strong fortress of Pirot, east of Nish, and guarding the war capital, has fallen to the Bulgarians. Still further south the Bulgarians are reported to have recaptured Velea, at a cost of 25,000 men.

Austrians and Germans are also moving against Kraguevatz, in the north, the Serbian munitions stronghold, and, according to the Austrian official statement, the height southwest of Lapova, only a short distance from Kraguevatz, is in German hands.

It is reported from Sofia that the Anglo-French fleet has resumed the bombardment of Bulgaria's Aegean coast.

The French and Germans in the Aegean and Champagne regions of France are fighting desperately, and both sides claim successes at different points, but each also admits a defeat. The Germans in Champagne attacked over a five-mile front, but, with the exception of reaching the summit of Tahure hill, were repulsed with heavy losses, according to Paris.

The great offensive of the Italians against the Tolmino and GORIZIA bridgeheads continues.

The semi-official Overseas News Agency of Berlin denies reports that Prince von Buelow has taken steps toward the opening of peace negotiations. It is asserted that he has not been charged with such a task.

WHITE MURDERER TAKEN FROM CELL AND LYNCHED Member of Prominent Family of Washington Parish, La., Hanged to Tree.

JAILER IS BOUND TO HIS BED Party of Masked Men Kill Jack Hughes, Who Was in Prison in Connection With Slaying of Larue Holloway on October 21.

COLUMBIA, MISS., October 31.—Jack Hughes, thirty years old, member of a prominent family of Washington Parish, Louisiana, was taken from the county jail here early to-day by a party of masked men and hanged to a tree a short distance outside the city limits. Hughes was under arrest in connection with the death of Larue Holloway, a well-known young man of this place, who was shot and killed near here on the night of October 21.

Otto Fortenberry, the jailer, said he was awakened about 1 o'clock this morning by three masked men, who, after forcing him to give up the key to Hughes' cell, bound him to his bed. The lynchers worked quietly. Fortenberry said, and after forcing Hughes to put on his clothes, they removed him from the building without awakening more than two of the prisoners in adjoining cells. These were unable to say how many men were in the party.

The jailer, who was released several hours later, reported to the sheriff, and possums began a search for the prisoner and his abductors.

A short distance outside the city Hughes' body was found swinging from a tree.

According to the authorities, persons who witnessed the killing of Holloway in a lumber camp near here, said that Hughes shot the young man in the back without provocation. Holloway at the time, it was said, was engaged in a fight with another person, while Hughes was an onlooker.

JAPAN AIDS OWN FUTURE Decision Not to Conclude Separate Peace Strengthens Position of Oriental Kingdom.

TOKYO, October 31.—Japan's adherence to the agreement among the entente powers not to conclude a separate peace is regarded here as strengthening the nation's future. Japan expects to take part in the discussion of both European and Oriental questions, Premier Okuma has declared.

France, like the United States, it now appears, was not a party to the recent Japanese representations at Peking regarding postponement of the re-establishment of a monarchy in China.

YOSHIHITO'S BIRTHDAY Brilliant Celebration in Tokyo, Marks Anniversary and Unites in Coronation Season.

TOKYO, October 31.—A brilliant celebration to-day of the birthday of Emperor Yoshihito ushered in the coronation season, the most notable event of which will occur on November 10, when the Emperor will formally accede to the throne of Nippon. The Emperor gave a luncheon to the royal princes and princesses and the diplomatic corps to-night. This was followed by a dinner given by Baron Kikujiro Ishii, Minister of Foreign Affairs, the reception being attended by many Americans.

## PIROT FORTRESS, KEY TO NISH, IS IN HANDS OF BULGARS

Teutons Trying to Ring Around Munition City of Kraguevatz

SERBS' MEANS OF ESCAPE GROWS CONSTANTLY LIMITED

Fighting of Sanguinary Character Between Austrians and Montenegrins on Drina.

ATTACK BY GERMANS IN WARSAW Despite Coming of Winter, There More Activity on Russian Front.

LONDON, October 31.—The Serb fortress of Pirot, described as the key to Nish, is in the hands of the Bulgarians, while the Austro-Germans, advancing from the north, are endeavoring to form a ring around Kraguevatz, the Serbian arsenal. Thus, besides endangering both the Serbian war capital and the town where the Serb munitions are manufactured, the central powers with Bulgaria are narrowing the gap through which the Serb army in the northeast must escape.

Simultaneously the Austrians are attacking Montenegro, to remove, if possible, the danger of having an enemy army on their flank. Little has been said about the fighting between the Austrians and Montenegrins along the Drina River, but apparently it is of a most sanguinary character, as it took the Austrians with far superior equipment more than a week to force a crossing of the river at one point alone, that south of Visegrad.

ALLIES OCCUPY HILLS SURROUNDING STRUMITSA The Anglo-French troops are firmly establishing themselves along the southern end of the Nish Railway, and crossing into Bulgaria, have occupied the hills surrounding Strumitsa, although the capture of that town, which has been reported, is not officially confirmed.

The allied fleets, too, have again bombarded the Bulgarian towns on the Aegean Sea. While these efforts take some of the strain off heavily tried Serbia, there is no reliable information as to the movements of the great forces, it is hoped, will save her. The reports continue to circulate, chiefly from German sources, of a Russian army which is to march across Roumania to the rescue. But of the British and French re-enforcements no news has been received. It is possible that, in addition to direct assistance, the allies will try indirect means, whereby the Austro-Germans may be prevented from sending re-enforcements to Serbia.

ITALY ALREADY BEGINS GENERAL OFFENSIVE Italy has already undertaken this general offensive, and there is talk of another offensive on the western front. The Germans seem to have anticipated this, as on Saturday night they launched a general attack in Champagne over a front of about thirty miles in an effort to recover ground which the French recently took from them. The success in recapturing the Butte de Tahure, but, according to the French account, they were repulsed everywhere else, suffering extremely heavy losses, and to the north of Le Mesnil they actually lost one of their own trenches.

As usual, the attack was preceded by an artillery bombardment, and the French report speaks of masses of infantry being decimated. There has been some fighting in Artois.

Despite the coming of winter there has been more activity on the Russian front. There has been a lull in the fighting in Courland, where the Germans have apparently failed to mark degree their position, but it is believed they are preparing for another drive. It must be made so, however, as snow is already falling and the movement of heavy artillery becoming more difficult.

GERMANS NOW ENGAGED IN COUNTEROFFENSIVE Along the Sire the Germans are engaged in a counteroffensive and have recovered some territory which General Ivanoff took from them. Further south in Galicia, the Russians returned to the offensive, and, according to the German account, made unsuccessful attempts to cross the Stripa.

The Turkish report increased activity of their allied artillery and warships in the Dardanelles.

BULGARIA NOW REGARDS RUSSIA AS NATURAL ENEMY BERLIN, October 31 (via Sayville).—The Bulgarian people now recognize Russia as Bulgaria's natural enemy and Bulgaria will act accordingly, said Finance Minister Tontchev to the correspondent of the Budapestier Lloyd. In a historical moment when Bulgarian soldiers joined hands with the Austro-Hungarian and German troops the Russian fleet made a furious attack against the Bulgarian coast, killing peaceful citizens," continued Tontchev.

"The Bulgarian people and their government lament the death of the 600,000 victims, but are firmly resolved to face coming events with the quality of victors."

ALLIES STILL LANDING FORCES AT SALONIKA PARIS, October 31.—An Athenian dispatch to the Havas Agency, dated today, says:

"The Bulgarians have succeeded in occupying part of Vales, on the bank of the Vardar, notwithstanding the heroic resistance of the Serbs, according to Saloniki advices."

"The other part of the town of Vales is still in the hands of the Bulgarians."

Seven Dead in Ship Disaster. VANCOUVER, B. C., October 31.—Seven men are believed to have lost their lives last night when the steamer Leona, owned by the Vancouver Portland Cement Company, foundered on the Gulf of Georgia. The Leona was bound from Howe Sound for Tacoma with copper ore.

Nobel Prize Awarded Professor Robert Barany, of University of Vienna, Achieves Highest Honor in Medicine.

BERLIN, October 31 (via Sayville).—A Stockholm dispatch says the Nobel prize of 1914 for medicine has been conferred on Professor Robert Barany, of the University of Vienna, for writings on the physiology and pathology of the vestibulum.

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